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| For: | METHODS FOR FORMING A CONDUCTIVE STRUCTURE USING OXYGEN DIFFUSION THROUGH ONE METAL LAYER TO OXIDIZE A SECOND METAL LAYER (As Amended) | | | |

SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Please consider the following:

Examiner Communication

Examiner Andrew O. Arena called Applicants' representative Mark J. Gebhardt (Reg. No. 35,518) on April 30, 2007 and left a voice message to the effect that the application identified above would be allowed upon receipt of a terminal disclaimer to overcome the currently existing obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 67-95 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-26 of U.S. Patent No. 6,534,357. Submitted herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer which, Applicants submit, is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) and thereby obviates the Examiner's double patenting rejection of pending claims 67-95.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.